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8 **United States District Court**
District of Nevada

9 United States of America,
10 Plaintiff,
11 v.
12 Jermaine Richardson,
13 Defendant.
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Case No. 2:24-cr-0115-GMN-EJY

**Unopposed Motion to Unseal
Documents**

15 Defendant Jermaine Richardson moves this Court to unseal documents
16 that are necessary for undersigned counsel to prepare Mr. Richardson's defense.
17 To conduct a thorough review of the relevant discovery in this matter and to
18 provide effective assistance of counsel to Mr. Richardson, undersigned counsel
19 requests the Court order the Clerk's office to unseal the executed arrest warrant
20 that is currently filed under seal on the docket in this case.

21 "It is clear that the courts of this country recognize a general right to
22 inspect and copy public records and documents, including judicial records and
23 documents." *Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., L.L.C.*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1096
24 (9th Cir. 2016) (cleaned up). "[F]ilings under seal" can "interfere" with this right
25 to "open, public access to judicial records and documents." *United States v.*
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1 *Sleugh*, 896 F.3d 1007, 1012 (9th Cir. 2018) (collecting cases). To fully protect
 2 this right, courts must “start with a strong presumption in favor of access to
 3 court records.” *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1135 (9th
 4 Cir. 2003). Filings can remain under seal only if a “compelling reason” supports
 5 such a determination. *See Sleugh*, 896 F.3d at 1013 (cleaned up).

6 A compelling reason does not exist here for the executed warrant to remain
 7 under seal. Mr. Richardson has already been arrested and is in custody. The
 8 indictment has been returned. There is no further reason to keep the executed
 9 warrant sealed. The executed warrant includes discoverable information
 10 pertinent to the case against Mr. Richardson, including the time, date, and
 11 location of Mr. Richardson’s arrest by the United States Marshals’ Service. And
 12 the undersigned has contacted counsel for the government, Assistant United
 13 States Attorney Lauren Ibanez, who relayed that the government does not oppose
 14 this motion.

15 For these reasons, undersigned counsel requests that the Court order the
 16 Clerk’s office to unseal the executed arrest warrant.

17 **Dated:** August 6, 2024

18 Respectfully submitted,
 19 RENE L. VALLADARES
 20 Federal Public Defender

21 By: s/ Brian D. Pugh

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 24 Attorney for Jermaine Richardson

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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 U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Date: August 7, 2024